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such are issued for protection purposes and if the court order meets the jurisdictional requirements of Nebraska. And Section 4 says that standards for Nebraska law enforcement officers to enforce foreign protection orders, specifically upon finding that probable cause exists that a valid protection order has been violated, a law enforcement official shall enforce the order as if it were a Nebraska protection order. Anyway, that's the terms of LB 628 and it was reported out by the Judiciary Committee. This amendment essentially carries those ideas but with the minor amendments that the Judiciary Committee counsel was eagle-eyed enough to catch as far as putting it into Nebraska's bill drafting style. The other half of the amendment that I'm about to offer is the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act which, by the way, repeals the Nebraska Child-Custody Jurisdiction Act because it's supplanted. The old one was written in 1978, we adopted it in 1979, and there's been a new version that the State Law Commissioners have passed. There are four general situations under which this provision would apply. They are ... and this is where they're going to take jurisdiction for a child-custody dispute. They are: that the forum state is the home state of the child; that there exists a significant connection between the forum state and the parties to a child-custody dispute; there exists an emergency in that the child is present in the forum state and the child's welfare is threatened, and the child in the forum state and there are no other states that have a basis to take jurisdiction. The whole idea here is to not let a child-custody matter fall through the cracks. A second goal is to make sure that one and only one state is in control of the child-custody issue. If Nebraska is not the home state of the child, under Section 15, it will defer to the home state in taking jurisdiction over a child-custody dispute--one and only Temporary emergency jurisdiction may be given, but one state. only long enough to secure the safety of a threatened person and to transfer the proceeding to the home state. So there are emergency circumstances for children that are threatened and endangered, but ultimately we're going to get back to a matrix by which we will determine one and only one state for uniform child-custody jurisdiction. There's a provision for emergency jurisdiction and there's a provision for continuing exclusive jurisdiction, as well as the enforcement of existing custody and